Lab 5 - Chi-Squared Test

The General Social Survey (GSS) asked this question: "Have you attended religious services in the last week?" Here are the responses for those whose highest degree was high school or above:

| | Highest Degree Held | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|----------|
| | High school | Junior college | Bachelor's | Graduate |
| Attended services | 400 | 62 | 146 | 76 |
| Did not attend | 880 | 101 | 232 | 105 |

1. Make a segmented bar graph showing the percent of people that attended religious services in the past week for each level of education. Which groups seem to be more religious?

- 2. We want to use the χ^2 test to determine if the association between highest degree attained and attendance at religious services is significant.
 - (a) What is the null and alternative hypothesis?

(b) What are the expected counts in the two-way table above, if the null hypothesis is true?

(c) Use the expected counts to calculate the χ^2 test statistic.

(d) How many degrees of freedom does your χ^2 test statistic have?

(e) According to the χ^2 table (see p. 412 in the book), what is the p-value for this result? Is it statistically significant?

3. Remove the people with only a high school degree from the two-way table and repeat the χ^2 test. Are there significant differences between people with a degree beyond high school?

4. Summarize your conclusions about education level and religious attendance from the two χ^2 tests you preformed. Are there differences in religious attendance that are associated with education level? What are they? Explain.